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**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION****For: Ms. Alicia Chevalier****Art Unit 1772****In the United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Applicants:	Mark Alan Burazin et al.	Docket	13,497.2
Serial No.:	09/441,987	Group:	1772
Filed:	November 17, 1999	Examiner:	A. Chevalier
For:	ROLLS OF TISSUE SHEETS HAVING IMPROVED SOFTNESS	Date:	September 25, 2002

Dear Ms. Chavalier,

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 3, 2002, and following our phone conversation this afternoon, attached is a draft proposed Declaration for your consideration. When you have had the opportunity to review it in light of the Advisory Action and Applicants' previous Request For Reconsideration After Final Rejection mailed August 1, 2002, please give me a call to discuss. I believe the Declaration addresses the concerns raised in the Advisory Action. If I don't hear from you beforehand, I will give you a call the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Greg Croft

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### **Declaration**

I, Mark A. Burazin, do hereby declare:

1. I am the same Mark A. Burazin named as a coinventor in the above-identified pending application ("the Application") and U.S. Patent No. 5,672,248 to Wendt *et al.*.
2. Example 14 in the specification of the Application, identified as a "control", was carried out in accordance with the teachings of the above-mentioned Wendt *et al.* patent.
3. In cases where sheets produced in accordance with the invention of the Application are made to have "bar-like" protrusions, e.g. Example 1, the sheets will be structurally different from the sheets disclosed by Wendt *et al.*, even though many of the overall sheet properties may be substantially the same.
4. In cases where sheets produced in accordance with the invention of the Application are made using the offset seam method, and are not made to have "bar-like" protrusions, e.g. Example 3, the structural differences between such sheets and sheets made in accordance with Wendt *et al.* will be small, such that the overall sheet properties will likely be substantially the same.
5. In both cases mentioned above, rolls of tissue in accordance with the invention of the Application have substantially greater firmness at equivalent sheet bulk than rolls of tissue made in accordance with Wendt *et al.*
6. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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